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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

A Notice of Appeal was filed on September 25, 2003. An Appeal brief was due on November 25, 2003. A four month extension of time is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a) thereby extending the due date to March 25, 2004. In lieu of an Appeal brief, Applicants' submit a Request for Continued Examination.

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fee purposes. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1744.

Respectfully submitted,

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